

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. BA-2347

Magi No. 0325790711

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic DUNDALK COMPANY BUILDING

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4 Center Place ☐ not for publicationcity, town Dundalk ☐ vicinity of Councilmanic 7th congressional district 2nd

state Maryland 21222 county Baltimore

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Baltimore County, Maryland

street & number 401 Bosley Avenue telephone no.: 887-3325

city, town Towson state and zip code MD 21204

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courts Building liber GLB 2377

street & number 401 Bosley Avenue folio 270

city, town Towson state MD 21204

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title National Register Historic District Study: Dundalk

date December 8, 1983 ☒ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Md. Historical Trust / 100 Community Place

city, town Crownsville state MD 21032-2032

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The building is a one story, red brick building, it is 3 bays by 2 bays, with a slate-covered hipped roof. On the main facade, the entrance is located in a central pedimented projecting pavilion. The entrance is flanked by pilasters and capped by a dentiled blind arch decorated in the center by a stylized "D". Windows with louvered shutters have splayed marble arches. There are also small marble panels on either side of the entrance. The rear facade is similar except that a palladian style window arrangement takes place off the entranceway.

The rear of the building faces onto a park, known as Veterans Park. It is bounded by Shipping Place, North Center Place, Dundalk Avenue and faces Center Place.

The interior of the windows still have "black-out" blinds in place.



8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> -1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1924 Builder/Architect Edward L. Palmer (1877-1952)

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The building was designed by Edward L. Palmer as part of a planned community for workers at Bethlehem Steel needed for World War I shipbuilding. This was one of 36 planned communities throughout the country constructed by the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corp. and the only one in Maryland. Ebenezer Howard's "Garden City" ideal was a major influence in the planning.

The building was constructed in 1924 to be used as the offices of the Dundalk Company which was originally formed to oversee development in Dundalk. They replaced the Federal Government as the major force in shaping the development of the remaining undeveloped land in the area. The first President of the company was Edward H. Bouton, who brought to the company his experience as president of the Roland Park Co. and his influence can be readily seen. (1)

In 1953, the Bethlehem Steel Company conveyed the structure to the County Commissioners with the proviso that it only be used for park or public building purposes. (2)

In 1954, the building was rededicated as the Dundalk Library with some alterations to the original building, however, the overall structure is original. The building is now leased by the Dundalk Patapsco Neck Historical Society and used as a museum, archives and community cultural center. (3)

NOTES:

1. The structure appears as "office" on 1928 town map. An early photo appeared in the 1929 advertising brochure, How To Own Your Own House.
2. Baltimore County Deeds, GLB 2377:272.
3. "Dundalk Historical Group Leases Library Building," Sun, April 8, 1993.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Eleanor C. Lukanich, data furnished to LPC, 1993.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Baltimore East

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Plat Book WHM 9, f. 17, Lot 1.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state n/a code county n/a code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title John McGrain

organization Office of Planning

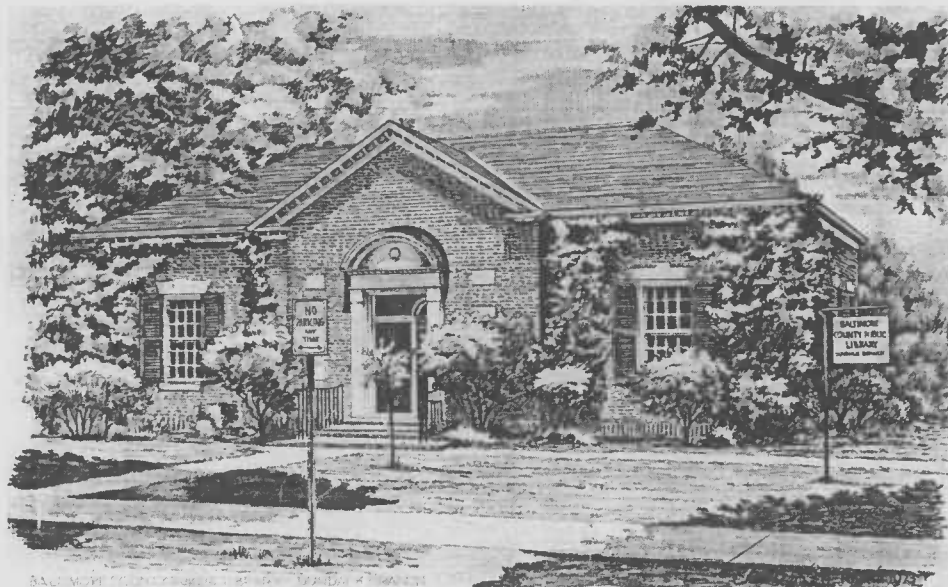
date February 1, 1994

street & number 401 Bosley Avenue

telephone 887-3495

city or town Towson

state Maryland 21204



STATE REVIEW SHEET
Historic Preservation Certification Application - Part 1

Name of Property: Dundalk Building

Address of Property: _____
Name of Registered Historic District: Dundalk N. R. Historic District

1/7/84 date initial application received by State _____ date additional information requested by State
1/7/84 date complete information received by State _____ date of this transmittal to NPS
Inspection of property by State staff? _____ no _____ yes date: _____

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The following information is enclosed:

☒ photos of facades and streetscapes _____ photos of interiors
☒ signed, completed application _____ map locating structure within historic district
_____ additional State comments on attached sheet

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For Evaluating Significance within Registered Historic Districts: Complete section (1), (2), or (3) according to which of the Secretary's "Standards for Evaluating Significance within Registered Historic Districts" applies.

(1) ☒ The structure contributes to the historic significance of this district in:
☒ location ☒ design ☒ setting ☒ materials ☒ workmanship ☒ feeling and association
Briefly explain how this structure relates to the significant qualities and characteristics of the district as described in the National Register nomination form or district documentation on file.
The district comprises a cohesive unit of residential, commercial and institutional bldgs, laid out in a "garden city" pattern. It is characterized primarily by 20th c. bldgs of various styles and materials, situated in a variety of open spaces. Constructed in 1919, this is the earliest commercial structure in the district and relates through style, design, scale, materials, setting.
(2) _____ The structure does not contribute to the historic significance of this district because:
_____ it does not add to the district's sense of time and place and historical development;
_____ the location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association have been so altered or have so deteriorated that the overall integrity of the property has been irretrievably lost.
Briefly explain this recommendation:

(3) _____ For structures less than 50 years old:
_____ the historical merits of the district are documented in the National Register form or district documentation on file as less than 50 years old, justifying the certification of this structure's contribution.
_____ the strong historical or architectural merit of this structure as described in the National Register nomination form or district documentation on file justifies its certification as contributing.
_____ there is insufficient justification to consider this structure contributing on the basis of its individual architectural or historical merits or the significance of the district
Briefly explain how Standard (3) applies to this structure's individual merits or its significance in relationship to the significant qualities and characteristics of the district.

For preliminary determination that building is a potential certified historic structure:

A. Nomination status of property:

- ____ Nomination has already been submitted to State review board and, if reviewed by the board, property will be nominated within a reasonable period of time. (Draft nomination attached).
- ____ Nomination was submitted to the National Register on _____.
- ____ Nomination will be submitted to the State review board within the next twelve months.
- ____ Nomination process is expected to be completed within thirty months.
- ____ Other; explain:

B. Evaluation of property. (Complete 1, 2, 3, or 4, as appropriate.)

- ____ 1. Property is a building which is *individually eligible*; it meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation: ____ A ____ B ____ C ____ D; Exceptions:
- ____ 2. Property is located within a district which is a potential registered historic district; the district meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation: ____ A ____ B ____ C ____ D; Exceptions:
- ____ 3. Building is located in a registered historic district, is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination, and:
- ____ Appears to contribute to the significance of the district. The State expects to submit revised nomination documentation to NPS on _____.
- ____ Does not appear to contribute to the significance of the district.
- ____ 4. Building should be denied a preliminary determination that it could qualify as a certified historic structure for the following reason or reasons:

C. Statement of significance of the building and the district or expanded district, if applicable. Include a description of how the building contributes to the significance of the district or expanded district, if applicable.

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State Official Recommendation:

This application for the above-named property has been reviewed by Paula A.C. Spew
a professionally qualified architect, architectural historian, or historian on my staff.

- ☒ The structure is included within the boundaries of a Registered Historic District, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- ____ The structure is included within the boundaries of a Registered Historic District, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
- ____ The structure does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
- ____ The structure appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
- ____ The structure does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will not be nominated.
- ____ The structure appears to contribute to the significance of a:
- ____ Potential historic district which appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
- ____ Registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS. Nomination or district documentation will likely be revised.
- ____ The structure should be denied a preliminary determination that it could qualify as a certified historic structure.
- ____ Insufficient documentation to evaluate structure. State's written request for documentation is attached.

____ Detailed NPS review recommended ____ Precedent-setting case ____ Forwarded without recommendation

Dundalk, Baltimore County, Maryland



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